

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-4, and 20-22 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter. New claims 30-42 have been added. No new matter has been introduced by the amendments and the new claims. Support for the amendments and the new claims can be found in the specification, for example, at page 7, lines 16-25; through page 8, lines 1-3.

New claims 30-35 depend directly or indirectly from base claim 1. New claims 36-42 depend directly or indirectly from base claim 20.

Double Patenting

Claims 1, 3-4, and 20-22 were rejected on the grounds of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-27 of parent application USPN 6,625,669. However, the amended claims include elements not present in the claims of the parent application, such as a “busy” or “available for use” status indicator. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the double patenting rejection be removed.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC 103(a)

Claims 1, 3-4, and 20-22 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over USPN 6,029,213 to “Belt” in view of USPN 6,360,281 to “Feagans.”

But claims 1, 3-4, and 20-22 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter.

Independent Claims 1 and 20

Belt and Feagans, either alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest each element of independent claims 1 and 20. For example, neither Belt nor Feagans teaches or suggests the element of checking the system registry to determine which communication ports are associated with an infrared transceiver (and renaming those found with user-friendly names). Likewise, neither Belt nor Feagans teaches or suggests displaying a status indicator of “busy” or “available for use” for each renamed infrared port.

Since Belt and Feagans do not teach or suggest the elements of Applicant’s independent claims, the combination fails, and Applicant respectfully requests that the 35 USC 103(a) rejection be removed.

Dependent Claims 3-4, and 21-22

For at least the reasons discussed above, claims 3-4 and claims 21-22 are also allowable. Dependent claims include all the language of their base claims. Claims 3-4 depend from claim 1, and claims 21-22 depend from claim 20. Since claims 1 and 20 are allowable, Application respectfully suggests that claims 3-4 and 21-22 are also allowable.

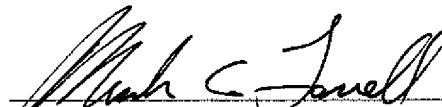
CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully suggests that claims 1, 3-4, 20-22, and 30-42 are in condition for allowance and requests issuance of the subject application. Should any matter in this case remain unresolved, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests a telephone conference with the Examiner to resolve any such outstanding matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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